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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of the application.

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Suspension

1. A reference relevant to the examination of this application may soon become available. *Ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

2. The provisional rejection of claims 1-8 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is withdrawn in view of the terminal disclaimer submitted by applicant.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christine Skane whose telephone number is (703) 308-2526.

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